

September 3, 1958

On the morning of the above-mentioned date I received a telephone call from a parish priest of the Diocese of Worcester asking for an appointment for that afternoon. This priest whom I had known in seminary days, only mentioned that he had a serious problem to discuss.

That afternoon, the nature of this unusual appointment was made known -- homosexuality affecting the Manchester locale in particular with regard to certain priests and college students.

The Worcester priest came with this information acting upon the advice of Msgr. T. O'Connell, the Officialis of Worcester, whom he had consulted. Msgr. O'Connell knows nothing as concerns the locale or the individuals concerned but he does know the basic facts of this matter. He advised that the matter be brought to the attention of the local Ordinary through that Ordinary's chancery.

In brief, these are the facts alleged:

- 1) The Sacred Heart Hospital chaplain's quarters have been and as far as still known are used for licentious purposes. Sodomitical acts have been performed there by our lay (teen-ager) informant with certain priests.
- 2) Pornographic materials relating to homosexuality have been and perhaps still are on the premises at this chaplain's quarters. Moreover, mechanical (apparently electronic) devices used for the purpose of stimulation have been a part of these operations.
- 3) Intoxicating beverages have been and perhaps still are served to the young college boys who have frequented this place. The pornographic materials were there publicly shown. The informant states that the priest concerned boasted of his relations to others who were discussed.
- 4) As to his personal experience, our informant places the date as of the close of the first college semester, around Christmas time of last year. He states that relations include everything from mutual masturbation to oral relations.
- 5) The informant evidently wishes to protect the Benedictine priest with whom he has been involved at the college. He states that this priest has stated that he has been trying to reform. He also informs us that this Benedictine priest is known to the Boston ring who consider him "one of our kind." This Benedictine priest is alleged to be Father Casimir Molloy.
- 6) A Springfield priest has also been involved. Our informant claims to have experienced mutual masturbation with him. This priest is a close friend and visitor to the Sacred Heart chaplain. He is alleged to be Father Roy Genest.
- 7) The present Sacred Heart chaplain, & Father Genest were formerly associated with the Benedictines at the College as clerics.
- 8) Our informant is highly afraid of scandal especially as would concern his parents. He himself is one of the leaders of the student body at the College. Some of this information involved the seal but the informant has given all needed permission and is willing even to testify under oath with the only reservation that he will not become known to others as the informant.

Monsignor O'Connell believes this to be a nest of homosexuals.

The Worcester priest is Father John Burke of St. Bernard's Parish, Worcester, Mass. His only request is that this information be made known only the Bishop and the Chancellor.... for whatever action they may deem necessary.

The ~~teen~~-ager informant does not wish to be considered blameless since he has been addicted to this vice from an early age. He is now striving under spiritual direction to break from his vice.

Told to Fr. A. W. Olkovikas  
Assistant Chancellor

Chancery Note: The present chaplain of the Sacred Heart Hospital is Rev. Donald M. Osgood.